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PRESIDENT'S DESK

A HAPPY NEW YEARS to all of you and may your troubles be little ones. I'd like to thank the TEC members who sent in the money that they owed TEC. Sometimes a member was short about 50¢ on their bill and the Secretary reminds them of it that they still owe TEC the extra. So far all have sent in the money, as all this goes to the TEC treasury. A nice thank you to those nice people as its nice to know we have some honest people around.

We need new members for TEC. If you know of someone who cares to join the fun of collecting elongated coins, why not send his or her address and we will take care of them from there. If you need three applications send a S.S.A.E. and we will send you them at once. We will appreciate your help on this as with out your help it can't be done.

We sure hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and that your holidays were the best in years. This season just two weeks before Christmas we lost a love one, so things weren't the same this year. We just had to give up on everything as just to much on our minds. The funeral was sad enough, so I'd say we had a quiet one. Santa was still good to me as I got four bags of pennies and to a roller this means a lot. I was very pleased and happy to get them. Just try to get a bag of pennies in any bank and you'll see what I mean. So when the snow gets to a foot deep here in Manchester, Conn. I'll be busy on my hobbies. I'm sure everyone enjoys their hobbies as much as I do.

A nice thank you to all of those that had paid their 1983 TEC dues so early as they came in very fast. If you haven't done so yet, why not do so now before you forget. Remember the March 31st deadline as we don't want to lose you. Please send your dues to the Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040, to keep our records correct. If you send your dues to someone else don't blame us for your mix-up. In each issue it said, to send your dues only to secretary Al Kirka. If you did send them to anyone else, that your business. You still must write to Al for your coin and card if you want them. Help us to keep our records straight and we all will be happy.

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

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The 1982 badges are selling fast and these will make a nice collectors item as only a limit amount of these are made and sold. I know the price of this badge will go up much higher as so few members have ordered one. So if you ordered a badge and haven't sent in your money yet the deadline is March 31st. If by then you didn't send in for your badge it will be sold on the first come basis. Right now we will appreciate your help on this as only very few are left.

Now as to the 1983 TEC badge it will be a very nice one to and all will be on a quarter and neatly made so no one will have an off center one. So here's your chance to order one as we will only make as many as are ordered. The design is a very nice one and a picture of California will be on the 1983 TEC badge. A picture will be in the April issue of the TEC NEWS. So its still not to late to order one. The price of the badge will still be \$5. each postpaid by mail. Anyone can order more than one if they want to, but we must know how many you want. So if your going to buy a TEC badge, please order it now. Please do not send any money yet, just place your order in now. In April issue we will tell more about when you can send for your order.

Last year we asked for donations of nice coins or something of only a few made, not that we wont accept anything donated for a TEC auction. Last year the auction brought in \$208., now thats a lot of money for the TEC treasury. We really had some real nice rare coins in our auction. So if you have an extra coin or two, please send it right in. Lets make this another good year and a bigger auction than last year. Believe me it will be appreciated by all. I will start it off by donated a set of the New Hampshire coin. My committee will run the auction.

Again this year we hope to have a TEC table at the ANA and we are asking the rollers to donate some of their coins to give out at the table. As many people look at these coins, lets have some good coins as this shows how nice your elongated coins are! If you want to donate your store card or any other coin, just send them in. If you have a business card you'd like to give out, send them in. Please no big cards as really the table is very small. We can not sell your coins there for you, but if you want to donate coins to TEC to sell, we can do that. All money goes to the treasury. We would rather put out coins to give free to all who stop at the table. Again I and my committee will be there to greet all of you.

A call is made for articles about elongated coins for TEC NEWS. We need good articles only and I will appreciate your help on this. In other years we have given out a special coin to those that sent in articles. So this year I designed a TEC NEWS coin and will give one to all that have sent in an article and used since October. So come on folks wont you help TEC out and write that nice article you were always meaning to write. You must have a favorite coin you could write about.

I'd like more new issues of elongated coins for the Buy-Sell-Trade page. Lets make the April and July issues a big one. Its free, my write up. If you want to write it up its a paid ad as I can't always give you the space you want. So send me samples of your coins and the price for coins and I'll do the rest. So please help me to sell your coins!

Because of a death in our family before Christmas the TEC NEWS was a little late, believe me with a funeral to take care of we weren't in a mood to work. Please forgive us as we tried our best. God Bless you all and our best to you all in the coming New Year.

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Kirka President

A kind word is a gift from God, yet so few use it!

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FEBRUARY 28, 1983

OUR 1982 NEW JERSEY CHRISTMAS GREETING ELONGATES

BY JACK WILCOX
NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J.

I had this season's design in mind for several years but just could not find a model or view to use. I know there exists a postcard of Uncle Sam and Santa but to date I have yet to locate one.

Thanks to our kind artist friend "Tina" Paterek from our postcard club my idea has finally came to light! Tina was kind enough to make the drawing which I used. Uncle Sam shaking hands with Santa. All I had to do was arrange the wording. Tina is presently working on Pastel Presidential Portraits and has just started a postcard series of the portraits she has finished. A labor of love and beautiful to behold!

I mailed Frank Brazzell this drawing with my lettering and approved the art work he sent back to me. The coin is rolled horizontally and reads: SEASONS GREETING FROM N.J. 1982 JACK WILCOX, Uncle Sam to the left shaking hands with Santa on right, small Tina under Santa's left arm. Rolled on 1982-D pennies.

This is our Twelveth Christmas elongated coin and all denote the New Jersey issue. This is so the N.J. collectors will welcome one. Each season I try to think up a design that perhaps can fit one of my special themes. Yes, Uncle Sam is one of these and it is fun seeking new material. Say next I have in mind is a design featuring an ICEBOAT, so now need a good photo of one. Can anyone help me with this?

Anyone wishing one of our elongated coins, just send 50¢ per coin plus S.A.S.E. to defray the cost. Remember the Christmas Theme is really fun and if you haven't yet started on an idea yet, do it now! My Christmas collection of elongated coins is well past the 100 mark already. I managed to catch 34 for the 1981 season and I surely missed finding a few. Each new season this theme gains in popularity and more and more TEC members are having their own elongated coins made.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Many, many thanks to all the TEC members that have sent their 1983 dues in early. No sooner was the October issue of the TEC NEWS out when I started receiving letters from the members sending in their 1983 dues. All were sent their membership card or coin, meaning all those that sent dues to me Al Kirka at once.

In the October issue of the TEC NEWS it was said, if you send your dues to anyone else, it means your not interested in receiving your card and coin. This will be done this way. Remember to keep my records correct I must receive your check. So all dues must be sent to me Al Kirka 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. If you haven't done this, please write to me to see if your dues are recorded. This could cause a mix-up with no fault of the Secretary. So your help is needed and appreciated by me. Even though we say in each TEC NEWS to send dues to the Secretary a few will send to everyone else but me. So if you had done this and want your coin and card, please get in touch with me.

Also if you haven't sent your check in for the TEC badge you ordered, do so now. As if you dont want your badge we have a few that would like to buy one. Again, many thanks to the ones who have sent for theirs so early. We appreciate you doing this. The 1982 TEC badges are \$5.00 postpaid by mail. A special thanks to all for being so helpful.

We have a different color membership card for 1983 and this helps TEC a lot. We should have a different color for every year to help keep our records straight. For those that haven't paid their 1983 dues by March 31st, 1983 will be dropped from the mailing list. Don't let it happen to you as we love to have you stay with us another year.

A HAPPY NEW YEARS to you all.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Kirka TEC secretary

MISSING ELONGATED COINS

BY GLEN TYE
LAURENCE HARBOR, N.J.

Elongated coin collecting is an interesting hobby and one gets to meet a lot of nice people. The elongated coins cover a wide range of subjects that can interest just about anyone.

I think everyone who collects elongated coins would like to see a certain kind of elongated coins made that just can't be found anywhere. If you have an elongated coin you can't find why not write about it. Maybe someone might get the idea and make one. Now that you mention it, there is an elongated coin that I am searching for.

In my collection of elongated coins with airplanes and things that fly and I collect all, there is one flying machine that is missing and that is a helicopter. Might I suggest the Bell model 47 helicopter, If anyone has seen the T.V. program M.A.S.H. that is the helicopter. It may just be a nice subject for the first helicopter on an elongated coin.

There are a lot of things about elongated coins that remain a mystery and may never be found out such as. In 1934 the ship Morro Castle washed ashore in front of convention Hall in Asbury Park, New Jersey. Thousands of people flocked to Asbury Park to see this ship. Some enterprising person engraved a die for an elongated coin to commemorate the occasion. Who was this person? What happened to the machine the coins were rolled on? It would be interesting to find out the answers to these questions. Does anyone know?

FLATTING ELONGATED COINS!

BY SALLY KIRKA
MANCHESTER, CONN.

I remember a few years ago Lloyd Wagaman wrote a very good article about if you should flatten elongated coins. Now a days, more and more of the new members ask why are the elongated coins so curved, or not as flat as others are? Well, thats the way they come out of the machine after you roll them.

As I roll elongated coins myself I have four dies or four engravings on a roll. So maybe one or two of the dies roll flat coins while the other two dies come out somewhat curved as they don't lay flat. I don't let that bother me. As I dont like the coins so curved I flatten all my elongated coins soon after I finish rolling them all.

You have to remember that if your elongated coins aren't flat they sure dont look good in your exhibit. Or can you store them so good in your holders or in a box. There is no important reason to keep the coins as they come out of the machine. So I flatten them all after I finish rolling them.

As for elongated pennies you can flatten them easy with your fingers on a hard surface. Some are harder to do that way if you have sore fingers. If you do, you can also flatten them any other way that you know best. As for me, I fixed up myself a nice place to flatten my coins. I had Al add a flat piece of wood to a hard bench I have and then I hammer away.

I have a small hammer the head about as big as a dime or nickel. This is what I use to hammer my coins after they are rolled. I also fold up some heavy cloth and lay the coins between on the hard board and hammer lightly and the elongated coins lay flat. There is no harm done to the coin. Pennies and dimes flatten easy, a couple light taps and no problems. Yet as you go into nickels, quarters, halves, or S.B.A. dollars you hammer a little harder, as they are much harder to do. Yet they can be flattened with no harm to the coin, unless you hammer as if you are building a house.

By right when you order coins made your dealer can flatten the coins for you. Just ask him to do so as not all want their coins flat. Yet to put your coins in an exhibit I'm sure they look nicer laying flat. Also when you send the coin or coins by mail it better lay flat. As the letters are cancelled by machine and if you put things that can break their machine you may get a surprised bill for breaking their machine. Remember letters are for letter only and we are lucky no one gives us any problems when we put coins with our letters. I could be wrong, but this is what someone told me to. If you want your coins curved as they sometimes are, no harm done. I myself flatten all my elongated coins and sell them that way. There is no more value to a curved coin, than a flat coin. So if you want a coin flattened give it a try. It wont hurt the coin if you put the coin between rolded or padded soft cloth and tap lightly until flattened. Sometimes two or three taps flatten the coins, specially the pennies or dimes.

Robert Stafford, 300 Park Ave., Unit PHB-36, The Park of River Oaks, Calumet City, Illinois 60409 sent me a beautiful Christmas coin. Although it only says Seasons Greetings, the die is so nicely engraved with snow-flakes that I have to tell you this. It seems there are many nice Christmas coins out this year and all nicely done. Now if the coin is for sale, I do not know but you can write Bob Stafford and find out. Dont forget your stamped envelope. Here's your chance to get another Christmas coin for your collection.

MORE KEWPIE KOINS

BY MARIE F. TRINNY
YOUNTVILLE, CALIF.

Seeing your idea created on a coin is a pleasure that is a shared interest that will endure and hopefully with an appeal to others. Everyone should have an elongated coin made to experience the thrill of their idea and their thought etched on metal, for posterity.

Again it was time for our daughter, Elaine Clarenbach and I to have four different designs of Kewpie type coins made, so we again contacted Robert Luchtman, of Nevada, to produce our seventh, eighth, ninth, & tenth elongateds of this series. We had 100 cents made, 50 clad dimes and 25 silver dimes, for each of the following four years. The 1983 Kewpiesta, in Branson, Missouri, April 21-24th and the theme chosen is "Careful of His Complexion". Our koin, is to represent that theme, and is a Kewpie standing wearing a polka dotted bonnet.

In 1977 our first Kewpie type koin was a Kewpie in a kicking pose, which we referred to as the "Kick Off" koin. The following year was "Thinker", Kewpie sitting with his hands under his chin, with inscription "Kewpies Forever" on koin. 1979 was a "Farmer" wearing a straw hat, holding a rake. The National theme for Kewpiesta in 1980 was the "Sweeper", so we had a Kewpie sweeping with a broom, on a koin. A "Carpenter" pounding a post with a hammer was our design for 1981. This was a "Bookkeeper" looking at a book, wearing glasses.

The only elongateds left of our old designs available are a few of the 1978 "Thinker". The cents only a \$1.00 each.

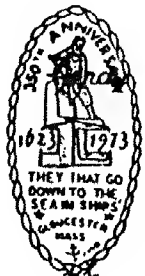
January 1st will be when we will take orders for the 1983 coins. Cents sell for \$1.00, clad dimes at \$1.50 and silver \$5.00. We ask that a stamped self-addresses envelope be included with your order.



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The next deadline for the TEC NEWS is February 28th, please send in your articles in early. It will be appreciated by your editor.

BUY - SELL - TRADE

If you have any new issues out and would like to put under Buy-Sell-Trade, please write to me at once and tell me about them. Will appreciate your help on this. The members want to hear about your new coins if they are to buy some. Send sample so I know what I'm talking about. It is free to the members as a one shot deal and my write up. Your write is a paid ad. Come on folks lets make the April issues better than ever with lots of new elongated coins for sale. It's up to you. I can't put it in if you don't write to me and let me know about your new issues. If its not in one issue it will be in the next, if not please write to me again. If you help me, I'll help you sell your coins. There are so many nice elongated coins out there and someone just may be looking for yours. Don't wait but send it in today. Help us by helping yourself.

Tom Gerhardt: 2060 Kingston St., Aurora, Colorado 80010 has four nice elongated coins that he had sent me. One is of Wisconsin Dells, one is a very nice Christmas for you Christmas coin collectors, one is a very nice birth sign, I think, a beautifully made die and the last one is of the Tulsa State Fair. Tom forgot to tell me the price so write to him for more information. Don't forget the stamped envelope for a reply. The elongated coins are really beautiful. Tom travels around a lot so you may have to wait awhile for an answer.

FOR SALE: Barbara Izzo, P.O. Box 104, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072 has a very beautiful Christmas coin for sale at 50¢ each, plus a S.S.A.E. Here is your chance to buy a nice coin for all you Christmas coin collectors.

FOR SALE: Angelo A. Rosato, 44 Bank St., New Milford, Conn, 06776, has a package of 15-20 elongated coins for \$2.00 cash to help pay for the postage. This is a good buy for the \$2.00 as I sent for some myself and I liked what I had received. All were nice coins and most I never saw before. If you miss this deal, your missing the boat. You can buy all you want but it must be a cash \$2.00 order, while they last. So order as many sets as you would like. This is your last chance.

FOR SALE: Doug Fairbanks Sr., 5937 Beadle Dr., Jamesville, New York, 13078, wants you to send him your elongated coin want list and he may be able to help you. He has just purchased a vast collection of elongated coins, Some of which are oldies, or moderns and some unlisted coins. The next sale listing presently in progress, but most indefinite. Write to him for more information.

FOR SALE: John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 Terrace, Miami, Florida, 33055 has a Freehold Race Way elongated coin for 50¢, plus S.A.S.E. Read article on this coin in TEC NEWS, either in this issue or the next one. Hopefully it will be in the next.

FOR SALE: John H. Wilcox, 310 Washington Place, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902 has a Christmas and the Trotter elongated coins available for \$1. plus S.A.S.E., for both or 50¢ each, plus S.A.S.E. Read article New Jersey MISC. #1, page 88, in Yesterday's Elongateds. Its a must to read this story on this coin.

Wanted; Lee J. Liska, 721 Ojai Ave., Sun City Center, Florida 33570. Anyone that has a 1972 TEC badge for sale, please write to Lee first. He is interested in buying one for his own collection. Can anyone help him.

Don't forget if you have a new issue and would like to sell your coins to the members lets hear from you at once, please.

BUY-SELL-TRADE

WANTED: By John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171st Terrace, Miami, Fla. 33055. Does anyone have a President Grant elongated coin, made by Ralph Jones, of his president's series. John is looking to buy or trade for this coin for his collection. I think its #18 of this President's series.

FOR SALE: Pontiac Press, 35 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, R.I. 02886 has two new coins for sale. One is of a Christmas coin or "Joy To The World", and the other is "In Honor of Jackie Robinson", baseball player. Both very nice. They are 75¢ each, plus S.S.A.E. Beautiful engraving on the Christmas coin. All details done so nice, all you can say is beautiful.

FOR SALE: By Gary Bible, 8 Long Forest Apts., Greenville, S.C. 29609, has four nice new coins for sale at 50¢ each, plus S.S.A.E. He has the first Worlds Fair elongated coin for 1982.

FOR SALE AND TRADE: Charles B. Severs, 5117 Euclid Ave., Louisville, Kentucky 40272, has for trade (two your dupes for any you pick) or for sale at 50¢ plus S.S.A.E., regular size coin, UK Wildcats, Belle of the Louisville (steamboat), Masonic, Lord's Prayer, and Churchill Downs. Larger size coin, Dixieland, Abe Lincoln, I love Louisville Cardinals, DeSales High, Truck Rodeo, and a few old culls of out of date issues.

FOR SALE: Barbara Izzo, P.O. Box 104, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072, has some back issues of her 1979, 1980, 1981, and 1982 elongated coins for sale. They are still 50¢ each while they last. Only a limited amount of these coins made and the dies are destroyed. These will be sold on the first come basis. This is your last chance to buy.

FOR SALE: Charles B. Severs, 5117 Euclid Ave., Louisville, Kentucky, 40272, has a hand rolling machine with four dies at \$1500. for sale, and a electric rolling machine with new rolls for \$2000. The latter will roll small or large size pennies. For more information, please, write to the above address. I put down what is sent me.

FOR SALE: Lee Martin, P.O. Box 667, Beaumont, California 92223, has a few more books "Yesterdays Elongates", left for sale still at the same price of \$20. plus \$2. for postage. That is a cheap price to pay as the dealers are asking a higher price. Only the paperback book left, so I hope you will buy one if you haven't yet. Would you believe the hard-book cover is selling now from \$75. to a \$100. by some dealers. Once these are sold out no more will be made. This book lists all the coins from the first ones made to 1965. Take my word for it, its a must for all true elongated collectors to have.

FOR TRADE: John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171st Terrace, Miami, Florida 33055. One of your elongated coins for one of his. Why not give this a try as maybe you'll make a good trade. Trade it and you may like it.

Wanted: If you make new issues of Masonic, animals or birds elongated coins, please let the Editor know for the Buy-Sell-Trade pages. As the members have shown they collect new issues of these coins. These ads for Buy-Sell-Trade is free with my write up. Your write up is a paid ad. Send sample so I can tell what I see.

FREE: Cecil Walls, 1510 N. Harding St., Orange, Calif. 92667 will send you one Angel's Flight cent free to any TEC member who sends him a self addressed stamped envelope. I forgot to mention this under his article which was in the October issue. Sorry about this as Cecil Walls made this coin to go with the Angel's Flight article.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Mrs. Ann Baxter of Appleton City, Missouri wrote she enjoyed TEC NEWS so much she sent TEC a donation of \$5.00. Thanks Ann we like to hear from those that enjoy our work. This is something few do. So folks if you have a good article about elongated coins, or something to do with elongated coins, send it right in. All interesting articles are always appreciated by all of us. So lets hear from the new members and from those that keep telling me they will write an article some day, but just never do. We could use more articles now!

Verlee Waterman of Colorado Springs also wrote in she enjoyed hearing about our TEC Meeting and the A.N.A. Convention in Boston, Mass. All I can say is Al and I enjoyed it very much and the members were all helping us since Al just got out of the hospital a few days before. This is what makes TEC members so special. Thanks Verlee and Ann.

Wowee, but the six cards with the penny scenes of Hawaii are really beautiful that Vance Fowler had sent me. Folks if you miss this set your just not a collector of elongated coins. As a roller of elongated coins I know what I'm talking about. The engraving of the scenes are really outstanding and I have to give credit to the engraver to. Vance wrote me he did the engraving artwork and layout and just about all. Very nice work Vance. All the scenes are of Hawaii. The title of the 3½x5½ cards are: Iao Needle Seven Sacred Pools, Love the Whales, Haleakala The Banyan Tree, Historic Lahaina. You wont go wrong if you order this set.

Now to get this set do not write to Vance, but write to his father, Roy Fowler, 4048 Pentiction Circle, N.E., Salem, Oregon 97305. The price of the set of six cards is \$3.50 postage paid. So buy your set now as you'll really love your set as I do mine. Thank you Vance Fowler for the set you sent the TEC archives.

Please when sending in your dues send check only and not cash as then we all are covered. Also make check out to tec, or The Elongated Collectors. Send all dues to the Secretary as this is a must to keep our records straight. If you send it to someone else don't blame us for your own mistakes.

At no time are coins accepted as payment for your dues. Dues are \$5. and we ask for a check of \$5.00, please. It will be appreciated by us. To all those that have done this a nice thank you.

BUY-SELL-TRADE

Jack D. Huggins, Sr., 103 Powder Mill Road, Belleville, Ill. 62223, has a nice coin made of himself and as far as I know it is free with a S.A.S.E. He wrote me twice about this but never gave me the full information. No harm done only want to make sure that he is giving them away free, plus that S.A.S.E.

FOR SALE: Robert Dadson, 409 Eight St., Carlstadt, N.J. 07072, has two elongated coins for sale. One is from the G.E.N.A. show with a beautiful large eagle and the other is of the Grand Central Coin Convention with an engraving of a \$20. bill on it. Both coins really very nice and both made by Dottie Dow. So all of you who collect D.D.'s coins, there is your chance to buy one. They are 50¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E.

The next deadline for the TEC NEWS is February 28th, please send in your articles in early. It will be appreciated by your editor.

WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO

BY ROY S. FOWLER
SALEM, OREGON

How many times have you asked yourself this question, where does my money go? If you haven't asked it lately it's probably because you either have NO money, or an EXCESS of it. Nevertheless, it is sometimes interesting to know where it does go? What I would like to tell you is where some of my money goes. I'm talking about my ELONGATED COINS of course. I have asked this question of a great number of my customers and have been pleasantly surprised to find where they were going.

When Mount St. Helens was in the news constantly, many people purchased our Eruption coins to send to friends and relatives just all over the world. I know for certain that some have gone to Sweden, Norway, France, Finland, England, Germany, Spain, Israel, Hong Kong, South Africa, Canada, Mexico, Australia and a couple of countries in South America. That is exciting to me. I will more than likely never get to all these places but some of my elongated coins will and have already.

A young lady going on a Student Exchange to England took a handful to give to new friends that she knew she would be making there. She said, she couldn't think of anything that would be lighter to take on the plane and would be more interesting.

A young man from Stuttgart, Germany told of an interesting experience that he had with Mount St. Helens ashes. He was in the process of selling his Beetle and had it all polished up and sitting in his front yard while he went on a short holiday. When he returned it was all covered with the gray ash. He thought someone was playing a joke on him until he learned via the media that the ash was from Mount St. Helens here in the Northwest. He just had to have some to take back home.

One of my most interesting experience was with a young Oriental man who, when I asked where the coins would go, excitedly replied, "#&%*&%#" Hongkong. His companion said his English wasn't too good.

My latest experience was just the other day. Our daughter was asked to teach a group of ladies about the payment of tithing to the Church and had our son Vance make up a die that said, "Our pennies will s-t-r-e-t-c-h if we pay a full tithe." Vance made her a supply of coins to give and then gave the die to me. I keep a catalog of the pictures of the different dies we have and one of my customers saw picture. She told her minister about it and sure enough he called a couple of days later and ordered 200 for his congregation to go with his sermon. So now we have 200 Baptists and a number of Mormons with a Full Tithing coin in their pockets. They are sure now that a penny can be stretched!

I also know where other coins have gone and this really makes me feel good. Every so often I send out a list of my dies to collectors of the elongated coins and now I have some of my coins in collections in 38 of our States and one Province in Canada.

So You Could say that I know where some of my money goes. If you don't have one of my lists and would like to have one, send a SASE to, Roy S. Fowler, Sr., 4048 Penticton Circle N.E., Salem, Or. 97305.

COINS DONATED

The elongated coin given with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Arthur Fry of Xenia, Ohio. We wish to thank Arthur for his donation of elongated coins as well as his past donations of the large envelopes he gave for the TEC NEWS two or three years ago, which were used when TEC NEWS was mailed third class and more pages were used. Thanks Arthur.

THE WIDE WORLD OF ELONGATED COINS

BY LEE MARTIN, N.L.G.
BEAUMONT, CALIF.

Sally Kirka rolls an occasional dollar. It is nice to know that she has found a way to "stretch" her income. In this era of tight money and limited spending, and the person who collects elongated coins is a wise one.

One of the big problems in coin collecting is grading. We do not have that headache although holed elongated coins are annoying. Trying to assemble a set of U.S. coins by date and mint mark can be expensive and now that proof coins are included in many denominational sets, it is doubly so. Collectors of elongated coins pay little attention to dates of coins but I often wonder if a stretched coin on a low mintage issue such as the 1909 S, VDB merits an added price?

A slight nick on a choice coin can change the value drastically. A slight nick on our coins merely brings forth a shrug. Error coins can be very valuable in the normal world of mistake coins. An error elongated coin is rather commonplace but the rollers rarely try to sell them. Chances are if you are a good customer of a roller, he or she will be happy to give you a few as a bonus.

People grow disenchanted with coin collecting because the subject matter is usually limited. In our hobby, with the addition of many new rollers, all seem to be creative and aware of interesting subject matter. The wide array of coins cover every conceivable subject and often a few are inconceivable. Topical collectors can enjoy coins covering religion, holidays, news events, transportation, history and on and on until practically every interest is covered. Best of all, the purchase price of elongated coins is very reasonable.

When the George Washington half dollar was born, it was greeted as though it were the rebirth of commems. Little did the average editor or collector know that we have been enjoying commemoratives since 1893.

One phase of elongated coins has NOT been receiving any attention. It may grow in popularity as students of elongated coins realize that the rollers in themselves represent a very diversified area. One roller uses the photo etch method, a second will prefer the more costly pantograph because of its three dimension possibilities. The 3rd roller may be one who cuts his dies manually. The reverses of coins will also show varying techniques. One minter will use a shoe polish to accentuate Lincoln, another will roll cellophane with the die and the third may use any of a dozen techniques ranging from spray paint to old coins which emphasize the wear and retain the image. New coins MUST have something on the reverse or the image disappears upon being rolled. Adding to the variables is the fact that most but not all rollers now introduce their monogram or initials to the design. It helps to be aware of who the rollers are in order to recognize techniques.

Finally, the borders of coins are as individual as the machines used in the coin's production. Rope borders, dots, dashes, designs and no border plus simple lines are all used and all are informative about the producer.

Yes, the hobby of elongateds is a fascinating one and the progressive minded rollers promise to make it more so. There is a saying "that when contentment appears, progress disappears." Whoever said it, didn't know about our wonderful hobby!

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE MODERN ELONGATED

BY ANGELO A. ROSATO
NEW MILFORD, CONN.

Three years have passed since I gave a report concerning my book, "ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE MODERN ELONGATED." In the two previous reports, (see TEC NEWS Vol. 12, No. 3, July - Sept. 1977, page 22, and Vol. 14 No 3, July - Sept. 1979, page 30). I gave an account of the progress, and some reasons for the long delay for a release. Therefore, I won't repeat them here. For some of the newer member collectors, perhaps you may be able to get zeroxed copies of the articles so as to review them.

In my last article I gave a report on the work involved in the preparation for photographing over 4000 elongated specimens for the book. Thank goodness that is all behind me! I shudder when I think of the hundreds of hours it took to make up the 'half-tone' negatives and the subsequent prints for "paste-ups" and to cut each one and affix them to the 'line copy mechanicals.' Then there was the sorting out of the "Title" names of each illustrated elongated for the index. It took my niece, who worked in a library 86 hours in a span of 10 weeks to unscramble my hand written volumes of titles; posting each on separate cards (two shoe boxes full) and then file each alphabetically; which in turn took my stenographer several more days to type them exactly as it will appear in the book. Next came the tedious chore of arranging the Glossary, with more than 150 definition; and the Appendix A with over 1500 footnote entries and Appendix B with over 150 more.

As some of you know, my health has prevented me from working on the book for longer periods of time. For the last several years my energy levels have been very poor. I still have been able to conduct my business activities and when the day is over, my energy is very low. Living alone, I have to fence for myself and when time permits I am thankful for whatever is done towards completion. I do what I can when other priorities are not at hand. However, progress has been made and slowly we are getting there.

Now for those of you who have read the last issue of TEC NEWS, our editor Sally Kirka and her husband Al, have reported of my visit to Boston at the TEC meeting and of the proof copy of my book. I was very pleased over the reception of the book by those who attended the meeting. All were very impressed over the volumous material in the work and its huge size and well appreciated the work that has gone into it. I was happy that I was able to make the trip to Boston, which was approved by my doctor. I was also pleased for the time allowed me to discuss the book. The book, as was presented, however was not complete as it lacked the entire front section which will be made up of 19 major chapters, along with more than 150 sub-chapters to reflect on every facet in elongateds from its early concepts to the up-to-date modern specimens. In examining the book Mrs Sally Kirka remarked that, "this book will take two months to read all." I'm afraid she was most correct in her statement. The copy at Boston contained 1200 pages and it is estimated that there will be 1500 pages when completed.

The chapter work began last April, and while working at a section of it I was delayed further due to a very fortunate contact I had made with a person who, as a child, knew Mr. Charles F. Damm, a pioneer in elongated history. Through this extraordinary piece of luck in my research, it opened up a parable on this jeweler from Buffalo. This had revived a new enthusiasm for me and it took more than 12 weeks to assemble all the facts, photographs, and historical background on Mr. Damm. I have been so exited over this information that I am sharing this news with you at this time instead of saving it with the release of the book.

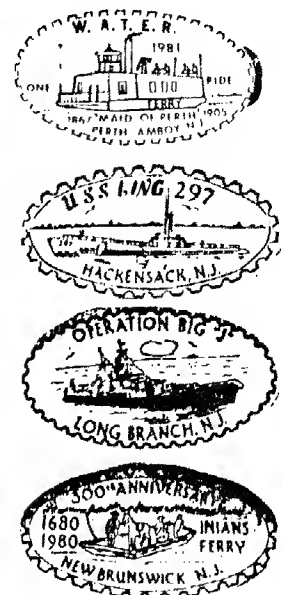
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Therefore, once again I have reasoned within myself that for all the delays in 12 years of preparation, each delay has had its benefits. This last one is my most rewarding. To record a slice of historic knowledge on the formation of our early elongateds is truly most gratifying. The chapter work on Mr. Damm is now finished and I am in the process of work on other areas. The work is slow and for all of the subscribers who have awaited all this time, I am certain that the wait will be justified. Just as a point of interest, I was once visited by a customer in my jewelry store who was an author. I somehow got into the subject of what I was doing in putting a book together. I showed him a section of the manuscript and I was delightfully encouraged by him when he stated that a work of this magnitude, it was not uncommon that authors take as many as 12, 15, and sometime 20 years to complete a text reference work. Needless to say, had I known this from the beginning, I doubt that I would have ever started on this project. However, I look back and I understand it now. The research, tabulations, correspondence, data filing and all the other aspects of it, it did necessitate the time.

As for a date release and costs per copy, all this has yet to be determined. I did give out some approximates at the Boston meeting. A volume of this size will be above the average price of most books, but one also has to understand that this work is like four books into one. It is tremendous! As Sally suggested, put a dollar or two aside and it will soften the costs, so to speak, later. The release will definately be limited as no subsequent reprints are planned. As for time before a release, this all depends on my energy levels in the health area. There will be plenty of up front announcements made and a chance for every person interested in a copy. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE!



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NEW JERSEY MISC. #1 PAGE 88, YESTERDAY'S ELONGATEDS

BY JACK WILCOX
NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J.

This attractive N.J. XXX#1 listing in our long awaited elongated book has intrigued me for some time now. The listing is questionable one notes. John Spadone had written me about this Freehold, N.J. coin long before the new book listed it as an R-5 but I couldn't find any information or any N.J. collectors having such an elongated coin.

Our local library didn't help my reasearch could't find anything in all the New Jersey books to shed light. When John suggested we work together on all our own Freehold, N.J. elongated coin I was happy to agree. Would permission be required was the big question? Therefore I wrote a short letter requesting the Freehold Raceway commission and enclosing a copy of page 88 and asking these three questions; 1 - Would I need permission to design an elongated coin for the race track/ 2 - I've wondered if there was an elongated coin or medal ever issued for the race track? 3 - Can you tell me when (date) the Freehold Race track first was opened?

My S.A.S.E. came back a short time later (no address on top) with the following short notation on the back of my letter quote; "We know of no coins connected with the Freehold Raceway. The track traces it's origin back to 1853.

I sent John the letter and asked if we should go ahead with our plans, the reply not being of much help except for the date. John wrote find a decent photo of a trotter and I'll draw the sketch. As luck would have it I managed to find a good postcard view of a famous trotter at a Post Card Show. Keeping the card for myself as I like to use postcards that match many of the elongated coins. I zeroxed the trotter and sent it on to John in Florida. John sent back his nice drawing and suggested we go fifty-fifty on the expense which I agreed.

I mailed in the drawing and a check to Frank Brazzell and received the art work on the coin a week later. I sent back our approval and in a matter of days the order arrived. Frank really gives fast wonderful service! John Spadone's half of his order is now in the mail. In all it only took from Sept. 25th, to Nov. 5th, to see our design brought to light.

The elongated coin is rolled horizontally, reads; Freehold New Jersey (top) LUCKY (trotter) CENT (small FB) (center) 1853 Raceway (bottom) perforated border. Rolled on 1982D pennies.

Mean time I expect to continue seeking more information on the history of the Freehold, N.J. Raceway and hope our "lucky cent" meets with approval. John and I will be happy to sell our new coins to one and all. We just may send in a photo copy to Coin World so be on the look out for it. See free ad on Buy-Sell-Trade page.



CATCHING THE BUG

BY ROY FOWLER, SR.
SALEM, OREGON

I am not talking about Influenza, or Mumps, Measles or the common cold. I'm talking about "Collecting Elongateds". Yes, it is a disease. Only this is one of those diseases that is fun to catch.

I would venture to say there are very few that sit down to think and say to themselves, "I'm going to collect Elongated Coins". More than likely they catch the "Bug" from someone else. Oh, it may lay dormant for many years, but it is there. You catch it from your Dad, your Mom, or some friend that already has it. I don't know about you, but I caught it from my Mother. She wasn't a collector, just a carrier. She had a Lord's Prayer and a Lewis & Clark Exposition that she gave me when just a little guy. I kept them through the years and one day when I was maybe 55 I turned up a Lord's Prayer in a school yard with my metal detector. That did it for me. The "Bug" came to Life. I scrounged around and found those two that Mother had given me many years before and began looking for others.

I slowly became aware of elongated coins everywhere. Found one in a Flea Market, one in a Coin Store, a friend gave me one from Olivera St., in San Francisco. Then we found a roller at the World's Fair in Seattle in 1962. (By the way, I remember his location with clarity. He was in a large room with 1,000,000 silver dollars piled behind a chicken wire barricade. Guards all over the place. Think what those silver dollars are worth today. Even so it was very impressive.)

Then came the climax and the start of a very interesting time in my life. We went to Hawaii and there at Pearl Harbor was Lennie's machine. After acquiring some, Vance, his lovely wife Camillo, his Mother Juanita and I talked about buying a machine. I was about to retire and they all thought it would keep me out of trouble. I'm not sure about keeping me out of trouble, but I do know that Juanita and I have done more things, gone more places and met more nice people than we would have, had we sat in our easy chairs. You think it isn't catching?

Vance got started collecting and now his oldest son Trevin is collecting. I have started many from the contacts I have made with my machine at the different locations. At least they are still writing me for my new issues. Then I became a member of a great organization called T.E.C. and have met and corresponded with a lot of truly nice people. It is a great disease to have. How did you catch it?

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Well, its my turn again to write an article for the TEC NEWS. Sally tells me we are a half page short, that we must fill so I have to get busy and think up an article for her.

I guess all I can write about is how I watch my wife work on the hobby of her elongated coins. She can work for hours and not come up for air. Some nights she will color one side of the coins, or she gets them ready for rolling. Twice already I heard her scream so loud I didn't know what happened. I came running only to find out Sally spilled the black coloring she uses to color the backs of the coins all over herself and the floor. What a mess she made this last time! This is when I know Sally was working to much and is getting tired. Yet Sally keeps telling me its good to have the coins ready for rolling.

Now finding a good coloring for the backs of the coins to show up after they are rolled is something else. Sally has to find something until it suits her. This time Sally used a black die she found and was trying it out. She was lucky this all came out in cold water as it did. As Sally does most with a q-tip and does one at a time it sure keeps her busy for a few hours. Its really not that slow as Sally is used to doing this. I don't have the patience to do this so don't even volunteer to help her on this job. I do help when asked.

As to rolling coins, Sally rolls all her coins by hand or the turn of the big handle. She seems to do this just as fast as an electric machine does, but does a little better job. If you had seen her work you would know what I mean. The last two membership coins were all rolled out by Sally and you will notice they all are rolled so Lincoln is the same on all the elongated coins. As you put the coin to be rolled you have to put the coins in the same way. Look on the backs of some of your coins and you will know what I mean. All Sally's coins come out the same. She puts her elongated coins into Philatelic Numismatic Combined Covers, so said, they must look nice when you turn the cover over to. To each his own on this.

Again when Sally goes down to her work shop I never know when she will come back upstairs. She never hears me when I call her as she always has a few more coins to be rolled.

So guess what Sally got me for Christmas, oh yes, she got me an inter-com. Now when we have to talk to each other we use this. Like I said, when Sally gets busy she cant hear a thing as shes enjoying herself with her hobbies. Thats my gal Sal.

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Each year we try to beat the big Christmas rush. I try as early as September to start working on my designs of Christmas coins and my Philatelic Numismatic Combined Covers with my elongated coins in them. You have to get your ideas down on paper when all the Christmas things are around. So many times I walk around the stores looking for ideas I can use on my coins, or my covers I can make.

I did draw some nice ideas for some covers and also designed many of new ideas for Christmas elongated coins for 1983. Hope to get ahead for next year or so I hope.

Also we try to beat the rush but as always we never know what will happen. We were doing alright and Al even bought me the cutest, most adorable little black toy poodle which I named Queenie. We were both very happy to make Queenie a part of our family. We needed a little cheering up as we had a rough year. Then as always our luck gave out and Al lost his Mom two weeks before Christmas so this year we just gave up all and had to forget everything. There just wasn't any fun to Christmas this year.

I remember on Christmas Day when Al said he didn't get me much for Christmas. So I said to Al, what do you mean you didn't get me much, just look at my Christmas present running around the kitchen all 2½ lbs. of her. Only a dog lover would know how much joy a puppy can bring you. Now if only she'd sit still long enough so I can draw her and you can bet I'll put her on an elongated coin. So far no luck as Al is training her and the puppy will sit still for one second if we are lucky.

Another gift that Al got me is two bags of pennies. Now thats what every woman wants for Christmas as I sure was pleased and happy to get them. I hate to tell you what I tell the postman is in the heavy boxes when they are brought to our house. If you tried getting pennies at your local banks you'd know how much a bag of pennies mean to a roller of new coins.

Now if the north wind blows and the snow is about a foot deep here in Connecticut I can be getting the pennies ready to roll. Remember if you want Lincoln to show up on a coin you must color that side of the coin. So in the winter months this is a good job for me, when I have the time. Some use sprays for this and I sometimes do, but I still like the kind you put on the pennies with a q-tip one after another. Its not to bad to do and the more you get ready now you'll have ready to roll when the time comes. I try to roll most my coins before the hot weather sets in. Once you start rolling coins a bag of pennies doesn't last long. I never stop there as I still get dimes and nickels ready to.

After the funeral and Al and I were making out thank you cards Al asked me if he could put an elongated nickel with my Lord's Prayer in with each card. Now most of these people never even saw an elongated coin so after our thank you cards were sent with one of our elongated nickels we received many calls from our friends thanking us for the Lord's Prayer on a nickel. All seemed to be well pleased with it.

Even though Christmas is passed I hope to start in early on my Christmas ideas and beat the 1983 Christmas rush this year. Don't laugh as I say this every year and just once I hope I can. So an early Merry Christmas to you all for 1983.

The next deadline for the TEC NEWS is February 28th, please send in your article in early if you can. It will be appreciated by your editor.

ELONGATED COINS

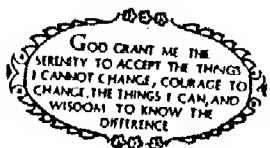
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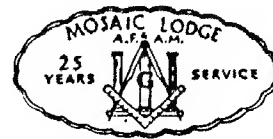
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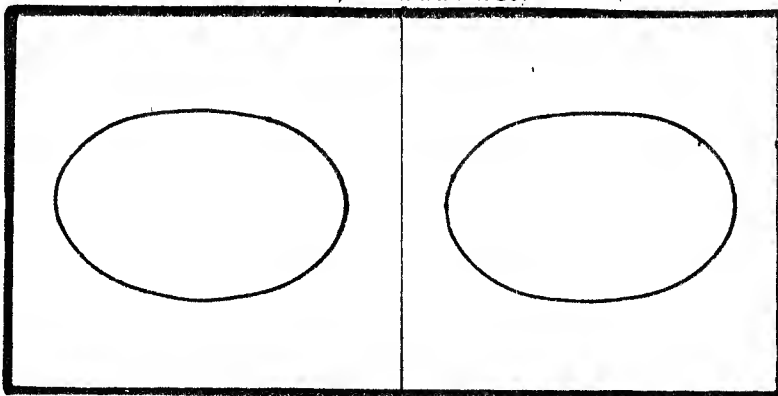
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